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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: COUNTRY EVALUATION PLAN FOR SYRIA

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1. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO UNMARRIED SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN HAVE REVEALED AN INACCURACY IN DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT (PARA A2 REF B) WHICH EMBASSY OVERLOOKED IN ITS INITIAL REVIEW (REF A). DEPARTMENT DRAFT STATED "WHILE A GENERAL PROHIBITION AGAINST JEWISH EMMIGRATION REMAINS IN FORCE, UNMARRIED JEWS CAN APPLY TO MARRY DESIGNATED FOREIGNERS AND OBTAIN PASSPORTS TO JOIN THEIR FIANCES ABROAD."

2. IN FACT, SYRIAN REGULATIONS AS WE WERE INFORMED OF THEM ONLY SPECIFICALLY ALLOW UNMARRIED SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN TO APPLY TO MARRY DESIGNATED FOREIGNERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS NON-JEWISH SYRIAN WOMEN. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT DEPARTURES OF UNMARRIED WOMEN ON THE BASIS OF MARRIAGE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM ABROAD (BEYOND THOSE RECENTLY APPROVED AS OPPOSED TO HAVING THE SUITOR COME TO SYRIA AND BE PERSONALLY PRESENT AT A MARRIAGE CEREMONY PERFORMED WITHIN SYRIA.

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3. FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THIS REGULATION WILL ONLY COME AS CASES ARE PRESENTED AND ITS SCOPE IS TESTED IN PRACTICE.
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